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Minicard Equipment Delivery

1. I visited Eastman Kodak on September 27 to discuss the Minicard System and probable delivery dates for the equipment. [redacted] developed a delivery schedule which he felt was realistic. This indicates that, aside from the Processor and two Flexowriters already on hand, the "H" camera will be delivered this month with other related pieces of equipment being delayed until as late as May 1957. A copy of the delivery schedule is attached.

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2. I hesitate to push Eastman too hard for delivery, for fear we will experience the same "debugging" problems that USAF suffered when they insisted upon Camera delivery before Eastman was ready to release it. Since its delivery six months ago, the Camera has been undergoing modification or repair constantly, with the final result being its return to Eastman for thorough "debugging". This has delayed the USAF program by several months. In spite of the fact that I feel Eastman is making a concerted attempt to effect delivery, I think a discussion of our needs between Messrs Bissel and [redacted] might encourage Eastman to extend itself even more, so that equipment delivery may be hastened.

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